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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment and the following remarks accompany a request for continued examination (RCE) in this application and are in reply to the final Office action of 04/24/2008. In light of this reply, reconsideration and further examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Twenty-seven claims (18-23, 25-31 and 33-46) were pending in this application. In the above amendment, four claims (18, 37, 41 and 44) were amended and none was cancelled or added. Accordingly, 27 claims remain pending for reconsideration herein.

In sections 2 and 3 of the final Office action, the Examiner objected to claims 41 and 44 because of the informality of the use of "front panel" instead of "front chassis" and required correction. Responsively, in the above amendment, claims 41 and 44 were amended to make the suggested correction.

In section 5 of the Office action, claims 18-23, 25-29, 41, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Murai (US 5,986,726), hereinafter Murai.

In section 7, claims 30-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murai, as applied to claim 27 above, and further in view of Takahashi et al. (US 5,889,572), hereinafter Takahashi.

In section 8, claims 33-40, 44 and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murai as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of Furuhashi et al. (US 5,909,205), hereinafter Furuhashi.

In section 9, claim 42 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murai as applied to claim 41 above, and further in view of Yun et al. (US 5,835,139), hereinafter Yun.

In section 10, claim 45 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murai in view of Furuhashi as applied to claim 44 above, and further in view of Yun.

In light of the above amendments to independent claims 18 and 37 and the remarks that follow, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing rejections are now moot.

In particular, regarding amended claims 18 and 37, the Murai '726 discloses an element 61 entirely attached to or entirely mounted on an element 6, as illustrated in FIG. 1 thereof. In contrast, the present invention includes a first connecting member attached to a first portion of a

first PCB and partially overlapping with the first PCB, as distinctly claimed in amended claims 18 and 37.

In addition, regarding amended claim 18, Murai discloses an element 4 connected to the element 61 using a separate connecting member (the element 6). In contrast, the present invention includes a second PCB electrically connected to the first PCB without using the separate connecting member, as distinctly claimed in amended claim 18.

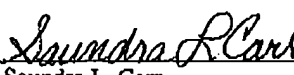
Furthermore, regarding amended claim 37, Murai does not teach or suggest a second connecting member different from the first connecting member, as claimed in the amended claim 37 of the present invention.

In light of the foregoing substantial differences, among others, between Murai and the present invention, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 18 and 37, as well as the claims respectively dependent from them, are patentable over Murai.

Additionally, a thorough review of the secondary references relied upon by the Examiner, viz., Takahashi '572, Furuhashi '205 and Yun '139, reveals that none of these references supplies the deficiencies in teaching of Murai *vis-à-vis* independent claims 18 and 37 discussed above, and accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims, as well as the claims respectively dependent from them, are likewise patentable over all of Murai, Takahashi, Furuhashi, and Yun, whether taken singly or in any combination desired.

In light of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all 27 pending claims (18-23, 25-31 and 33-46) are now allowable, both as to form and over the entire art of record. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any questions regarding this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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